REMARKS

The Final Office Action mailed December 3, 2004, has been received and reviewed. Claims 23-26, 29-31, and 34-44 are currently pending in the application. Claims 23-26, 29-31, and 34-44 stand rejected. Applicants have canceled claims 23-26, 29-31, and 34-44, added new claims 45-64, and respectfully request reconsideration of the application as amended herein.

Support for new claims 45-64 is found in the as-filed specification at at least p. 4, line 13 through p. 5, line 9, p. 6, line 3 through p. 7, line 26, and p. 8, line 24 through p. 10, line 4.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Obviousness Rejections

Obviousness Rejection Based on U.S. Patent No. 5,472,896 to Chen et al. in View of U.S. Patent No. 4,782,037 to Tomozawa et al.

Claims 23-26, 29-31, and 34-44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,472,896 to Chen *et al.* ("Chen") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,782,037 to Tomozawa *et al.* ("Tomozawa"). Applicants have canceled claims 23-26, 29-31, and 34-44, rendering moot this rejection. Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 45-64 are allowable because the cited references do not teach or suggest all of the claim limitations and do not provide a motivation to combine to produce the claimed invention.

ENTRY OF AMENDMENTS

New claims 45-64 should be entered by the Examiner because these claims are supported by the as-filed specification and drawings and do not add new matter to the application.

CONCLUSION

Claims 45-64 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner determine that additional issues remain which might be resolved by a telephone conference, he is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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